

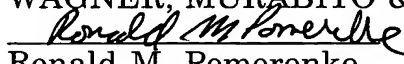
### REMARKS

The claims remaining in the present application are Claims 1-4, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 20-22. Claims 5, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, and 19 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

### CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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